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PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO ACF MEMBERSHIP

Very recently, the Chess Foundation of Alabama received notice of the status of the CD in which its monies are invested. It has, with interest, reached the sum of $1680.75. There is in the Foundation's checking account just over $350, which will allow renewal of the CD at $2000. This is, of course, no great oak, but the acorn has been planted for a few years. Unfortunately, only a very few members of the chess community have seen fit to water this little acorn. How about a little help in this matter ????? I'm sure the future chess community of Alabama would appreciate your effort !!!

Let me also note at this time that the challenge delivered to me at the Queen of Hearts has been accomplished. The Scholastic Individual Championships and the Team Championships for 2001 have been set.

By the time you read this, a nominating committee will have been appointed and working toward the ACF election to be held during the annual meeting during Labor Day weekend.
I submit the following as a preliminary agenda for the annual meeting:

Call to Order
Secretary's poll for quorum.
Reading and approval of minutes of Queen of Hearts meeting in February
and the special meeting held at the Vulcan in May
Treasurer's report
Report on Scholastics activity for the past year
State of the ACF
Old business
New Business
Nominating Committee -- Elections
Adjournment

Sincerely,

Richard

Miles Melvin Sacrifices a Box of Pieces *by Bill Melvin*

Okay, I'll admit it. I'm much more interested in watching Miles play than my own games. I now show up at adult tournaments like other parents. The only difference is I always play and sometimes capture First Place (as I did in this event).

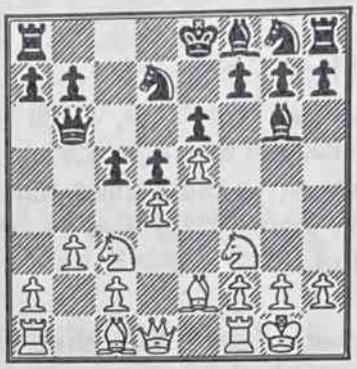
But, my interest isn't in what I'm doing. My attention is usually on the games of my 9 year old who enjoys the game as much as myself. I've found myself watching his games while my own clock was running. I don't even feel nervous about my own position. Whether I win, lose, or draw seems rather mundane. Miles, on the other hand, is liable to do almost anything. The game below shows his best effort to date. At the time, Evan was the highest rated player he had ever beaten. Forget ratings, though.

Rutherford County Open
Murfreesboro, Tennessee
May 27, 2000 Round 4
Board 8 Game in 75
Caro-Kann Defense (B12)
Miles Melvin (1132)
Evan Williams (1538)

1. e4	**c6**
2. d4	**d5**
3. e5	**Bf5**
4. Nf3	**e6**
5. Nc3	**Nd7**
6. Be2	**Qb6**
7. O-O	**c5**

I don't claim to be an expert on this variation. Both players have played the first seven moves exceptionally well. Miles has quietly completed his development after claiming a space advantage. His opponent wasted no time in pressuring white's center.

8. b3	**Bg6**



*Position after **8. ... Bg6***

This move seems to lose time. White's 8th move prepared to develop the dark squared bishop. Black could not have won a pawn in the middle by 8. ... cd, 9. Nd4 Ne5, 10. Nf5 ef5, 11. Qd5 and black is lost. Developing moves like 8. ... Rc8 or 8. ... Ne7 come to mind.

9. Be3	**cd4**
10. Nd4	**...**

The bishop is splendidly placed after 10. Bd4. Miles undoubtedly preferred the sneaky potential of a discovered attack on the black queen.

10. ...	**Bc5**
11. Ndb5	**...**

My attention instantly goes to 11. Na4 Qc7, 12. Nc5 Nc5, 13. Nb5 Qc6 with an edge for white.

Miles decides upon a bizarre treatment of the position. His move has its points as it does eye the weakened dark squares in black's position. I have my doubts whether he knew he was sacrificing two pawns with his move. Nonetheless, this is the move he played.

11. ...	**Be3**
12. fe3	**Qe3**
13. Kh1	**Qe5**
14. Re1	**...**

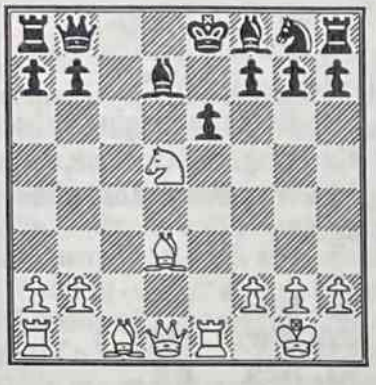
Any experienced chess master can only think of the Milner-Barry Gambit in the French Defense when seeing this position: 1. e4 e6, 2. d4 d5, 3. e5 c5, 4. c3 Nc6, 5. Nf3 Qb6, 6. Bd3 cd, 7. cd Bd7, 8. O-O Nd4, 9. Nd4 Qd4 and play might continue 10. Nc3 Qe5, 11. Re1 Qb8, 12. Nd5 with a complicated position. *(see diagram next column—Ed.)* However, Miles had never seen this and had to invent it on the spot. Notice the similarity to the above line and the game continuation.

14. ...	**Qb8**
15. Nd5	**...**

*Position after **15. Nd5***

If there are any doubts about Miles understanding his compensation for the pawns, this

move should dispel them. Sound or not, the attack is ready to roll.

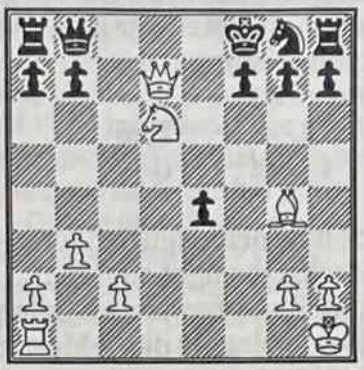


(Thematic position from Milner-Barry Gambit.)

15. ...	**ed5**
16. Bg4	**Be4**

Better was 16. ... Ne7 and trying to develop. White has a number of moves here to obtain an advantage such as 17. Qd5 or 17. Bd7. Miles' move is most forcing and involves another pseudo-sacrifice.

17. Re4	**de4**
18. Qd7	**Kf8**
19. Nd6	**...**



*Position after **19. Nd6***

Instead of winning the Exchange in the corner with 19. Nc7, Miles presses on the attack. The knight is definitely better than the undeveloped rook here.

19. ...	**Ne7**

I thought 19. ... Nh6 would win for black. The computer finds 20. Rf1 f6, 21. Nc8 Qc8, 22. Qd6 with a winning position for white. It appears that Miles is now winning in all variations.

20. Rf1	**f6**
21. Qe6	**Qe8**

I assumed Miles would just capture the queen without hesitation. Instead, he takes his time and finds...

22. Rf6	**gf6**
23. Qf6	**Kg8**
24. Be6	**resigns**

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I've since shown this game dozens of times. I'll nominate it for the prettiest game ever played by a 9 year old.

Bill Melvin vs. the *Antics* Editor by *Bill Melvin*

Rhodes Peele continues to be a great asset to Alabama chess and will be missed as our Editor. He plays a fine game of chess and will have more time to concentrate on improvement without the burdens and deadlines of being Editor. Together we created the pretty game below at the well-run 1st Druid Knights tournament in Tuscaloosa.

1st Druid Knights
June 10, 2000
Round 5 Board 1
Game in 2 hours
Bill Melvin (2208)
Rhodes Peele (1762)

1. e4	**e5**
2. Nf3	**Nc6**
3. d4	**ed**
4. Bc4	**Nf6**

I've taken a fancy to some of the scholastic openings Miles' opponents have been using. I had previously won with this variation in 6 (!) and 15 moves against adults. This variation is deadly against an unprepared opponent. Rhodes knew the theory better than myself.

5. e5	**d5**
6. Bb5	**Ne4**
7. Nd4	**Bd7**
8. Bc6	**bc6**
9. O-O	**Be7**

I was out of book on move 9. White should continue with 10. f3 and reach a dynamically balanced position according to theory. My move probably isn't as good.

10. Nd2	**Nd2**
11. Bd2	**c5**
12. Ne2	**O-O**
13. Ba5	**...**

I love playing moves like this. The black d-pawn is under attack and cannot be defended by the c-pawn. Be6 looks risky when white launches the f-pawn. Fortunately for black, the text move is fine.

13. ...	**Bc6**
14. f4	**d4**

Black has mean-spirited intentions with the light squared bishop. Black has the advantage. Rhodes is playing like a Master.

*Position after **14. ... d4***

15. c4	**d3**
16. Ng3	**Qd4**

I have underestimated black's position. Black is much better already. I've got to find 17. Rf2 to keep from getting a horrible position.

17. Kh1	**Qc4**

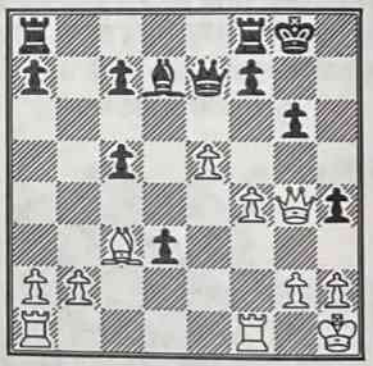
Black would be better served by 17. ... Qb2 where the mate threat on g2 is awkward. This is black's best chance in the game.

18. Nf5!?	**Qe6!?**

Black misses 18. ... Bg2 gives white the choice between a pawn down game after 19. Kg2 Qe4, 20. Rf3 Qf5, 21. Qd3 or the insane looking forced line 19. Kg1 Bf1, 20. Qg4 g6, 21. Ne7 Kg7, 22. Rf1. White is probably still better off than after 17. ... Qb2, but this is more due to luck than planning. At the time, I thought I was clearly lost after 18. ...Bg2.

19. Qg4	**g6**
20. Ne7	**Qe7**
21. Bc3	**h5**
22. Qg3	**h4**
23. Qg4	**Bd7!?**

Black might try 23. ... h3 to decoy the white queen off the g-file. The computer is looking at crazy variations like 23.... Rad8, 24. f5 Bb7, 25.fg fg, 26. Qg6 Qg7, 27. Qg7 Kg7 with a roughly equal position. Rhodes' idea meets a cute refutation.



*Position after **23. ... Bd7!?***

24. f5	**Kh7**
25. e6!	**Be8**

Notice that capturing with either pawn leads to a one move checkmate.

26. f6	**Qe6**
27. Qh4	**Kg8**
28. Qh6	**resigns**

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Attending the U.S. Junior Championship *by Andrew Whatley*

Because I had won the US Junior Open in 1999 in Tucson, AZ, I was invited to the 2000 US Junior Championship. In fact, this invitation was the #1 reason I went to Tucson in the first place. The chance to play in a 10 player round robin tournament with an average USCF rating of 2417 and an average FIDE rating of 2347 was an opportunity of a lifetime. I would have paid big money for such an opportunity, but because of gracious sponsors and UMBC chief organizer Alan Sherman among others, all of my expenses were paid. All I had to do was enjoy myself on a college campus and play good chess (one round a day for nine days, with a free day after 5 rounds). Conditions were excellent. Being with other strong juniors close to my age was a great experience as I made some new friends.

Conditions were excellent. Each day, all I could think about was the game I had to play. I really didn't have many distractions. The typical day consisted of waking up at about 8 and eating breakfast. After breakfast I slept until about 10:30 or 11. I then got ready for the day. About 11:30 I would go eat lunch until about 12:15. I then went back to my room to study for the game. My game started at 3. It lasted until about 7 or 8. I then ate dinner and watched other games until 8 or 9. I then went back to my room and studied for the next day until about 11 or 12.

However, going into the tournament, I was not overly enthusiastic as I had been earlier in the year. I had just been a teacher in a chess camp in Dallas a few weeks before and was fairly chessed out. Furthermore, after being home for a few weeks, I was somewhat bored and really didn't feel like playing. All of this changed within a few hours of stepping off the plane in Baltimore. Suddenly, I was surrounded by the top juniors in the country. I felt confident and ready to play.

In the first round, I drew Justin Sarkar in a 16 move threefold repetition draw after having a clearly better position. I felt upset because I had beaten Justin before. I felt if I had just wanted the win a bit more and had calculated better, I would have made the full point.

On the second day, after blundering a pawn early in the opening against Steven Winer, I tried to make the best of it, playing a pawn down with some compensation in an ending. Realizing that I could draw at one point, I decided to try for a win, and I did! (This game actually won me the best endgame prize, which is rather ironic. Lamar Daniel and I have just been laughing at how badly I play endings at times.)

In round three, I lost to Andrei Zaremba in time pressure after completely outplaying him. With two and a half minutes to make about 10 moves, I completely hallucinated and just made a move which I had not even calculated. This lost an exchange and cost me the game.

In round four, I lost to the eventual winner Eugene Perelshteyn. Although he played well, I made it easier for him by mixing up a move order and overlooking a move which easily won for him. I could have played a different opening line which GM Yuri Shulman (about 2575 FIDE; he plays board 1 for UTD) had recommended that I play, but I decided to play something else because I couldn't find winning chances in the other line.

After two straight losses, I felt badly. Being in such a tournament where every game was crucial, the pressure for first and the chance to represent the US in the World Youth Under 20 in Armenia was large at times. After the losses, I just had to let it go and try to do my best.

In the fifth game, I had a big opening advantage (thanks to some mistakes by my opponent and by GM Shulman helping me prepare a little). But I got overconfident and lost concentration. It took six and a half hours to win a long ending which should have been an easy win had I just not allowed counterplay with one move!

After round five, we had our free day. I had stayed up late the night before, so I slept late. Then I ate lunch, played some soccer, ate dinner, and played some basketball. It was relaxing and good to get some exercise before next day.

In round six, I played the highest rated seed, Vinay Bhat. Nevertheless I felt pretty confident because he had not been doing so well and because Marcel Martinez kept talking about how he could have beaten him the day before. (Although Marcel was up a rook, he lost because he used the wrong move order in his final combination.) My confidence was also greatly aided by some openings GM Shulman had given me. This led me to a an equal position, which Vinay misplayed, allowing me to reach a much better position. However, Vinay actually lost because he flagged believing that he has made 40 moves when he had only made 39. The win against Vinay was a real confidence booster.

Round 7 had me paired as white against last year's winner Marcel Martinez. Even though I reached a pretty good opening advantage, I used up way too much clock time and by the time I was comfortable with my position, I was already in time pressure. (This seemed to be a recurring theme in my games. I often used an hour for the first 15 moves and another 30 minutes for the next five, leaving me with 30 minutes for to make twenty moves.) I misplayed the position horribly and fell for a simple tactic that gave Marcel an over-

whelming position, which he soon won.

Through the string of ups and downs in rounds three through seven, I still maintained an even score. Although I wasn't tired, I didn't have the strong desire to win that I had before. I was pretty content with an even score. In round eight, I faced Jacob Chudnovsky with the black pieces. Although had normally played the King's Indian Attack against the French, he decided to play a main line Winawer against me after he lost to Bhat and after he saw my sixth round game. I misplayed the opening and reached a fairly inferior game. Fortunately for me, he incorrectly traded a pair of rooks and couldn't find a win due to time pressure.

In round nine, I faced Dmitry Schneider with the black pieces. This was a fairly easy game as we replayed the first 11 moves or so of our World Open draw last year. He varied on move 12 and played an inferior move, but I couldn't manage to win.

The tournament was over! I felt excited! Scoring 4.5-4.5, I tied with Dmitry Schnedier and Jacob Chudnovsky for 4th. (Eugene Perelshteyn finished first with a score of 7 and a 2600+ FIDE performance! Sarkar and Martinez tied for secodn with 5.5. Bhat and Winer tied for 7th with 4. Zaremba was 9th with 3, and Kolinko was 10th with 2.5.)

Because of my result, I will get a an official provisional FIDE rating of about 2360. Although I have found it hard to progress past 2250 or 2300, I am going to make a real effort take lessons from Gm Shulman this year, and hope to play in the tournament again next year if I can reach the required rating. If all goes well, twelve months from now, I will be writing about my experiences in the 2001 US Junior Championship!

Here is my win from Vinay Bhat in Round Six:

Vinay Bhat (IM-elect) 2498
vs. Andrew Whatley 2311
French: K.I.A. (C00)
40/2, 20/1,G/30
US Jr. Champ., Rd. 6;
Catonsville, MD

1. e4 e6 2. d3 d5 3. Nd2 Nf6

This is the first time that I had played this variation against the KIA. Yuri recommended that I play this. He wrote down several ideas and moves (which turned out to be my first 13 moves!), and I looked at a few dozen games on clesslab.com in this variation the day before and felt prepared.

4. Ngf3 Nc6 5. c3 a5

Prevents b4 and gains space on the queenside.

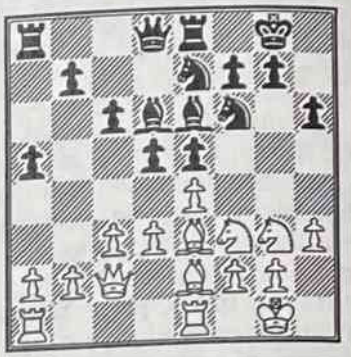
6. Be2 ...

I was expecting 6.g3, and had studied the game Al Modiahki 2530, M-Sharif, M 2475 which continued 5. g3 dxe4 6. dxe4 Bc5 7. Bg2 e5 8. O-O O-O 9. c3 a5 10. Qc2 b6 11. Nc4 Ba6 12. Rd1 Qe7 13. Ne3 Rad8 14. Nd5 Nxd5 15. exd5 e4 16. Ne1 Ne5 17. b4 axb4 18. cxb4 Bxb4 19. Qxe4 Rfe8 with an advantage to Black, 0 -1 in 33.) Yuri had given me some ideas in the 6. Be2 line as well. I simply castle and try to get in e5. Meanwhile, I bring my knight to g6, and solidify the center with c6. I must be careful to prevent white's d4 break, which would give White much counterplay.

6. ... Bd6 7. O-O O-O 8. Re1 Re8 9. Qc2 e5 10. Nf1 h6 11. Ng3 Ne7 12. h3 Be6 13. Be3 c6

(diagram next column)

My moves thus far have all been ideas from Yuri. By playing ...Be6, I thought that I could play ... Qd7 and then ... Ng6 and ...Nf4, having prevented ... Nf5 first. However, first I must develop and stop white's plans of d4.



Position after **13. ... c6**

14. Rad1 Qc8

I thought that white was going for a d4 break here, but the immediate 15. d4 fails to exd4 16. Bxd4 Bxg3 17. fxg3 (17. Bxf6 Bxf2+) Nxe4. I actually miss this and just play Qc8 to get the queen off the d-file and onto the c8-h3 diagonal.

15. Bf1 Ng6

I began to get a bit afraid of 16. d4 exd4 17. Bxd4 becuase now if Bxf3 18. Bxf6 Bxf2+ 19. Qxf2 gxf6 and the double f-pawns are a big liability. However, 16. d4 Nxe4 17. Nxe4 dxe4 18. dxe5 (18. Qxe4?? Bf5) Bc7 with ideas of retaking on e5 with the knight or perhaps moving the bishop on e6 first seem to be good for black.

16. Bc1 ...

This move scared me. I thought to myself, "Hey! He's playing pretty good. He's got the rooks in the middle and now he's ready to play d4 and bust me." I only had one choice . . .

16. . . . dxe4 17. dxe4 Qc7

The resulting position seemed about equal. Maybe I have a small edge due to the queenside. In the post-mortem I admitted that I was "SO AFRAID" (This became a joke throughout in the week) of White playing with ideas of g4 and king-

side expansion. But considering how much white opens up his kingside, I should have no worries, if that were to actually happen.

18. b3 a4 19. Nf5 axb3 20. axb3 Bxf5

After opening the a-file, my fear gets the better of me. 20. ... Bf8 looks better.

21. exf5 Nf4 22. c4 ...

Position after ***22. c4***

I completely missed this move. Now my knight on f4 is almost trapped. Apparently I am fine, but I didn't know it at the time. He threatens c5, so I played 22. ... Bb4 calculating that if 23. Rxe5 than I would have Nxh3+ 24. gxh3 Rxe5 24. Bf4 Bd6. I think that this is playable and so I play . . .

22. ... Bb4

It is only after I played this move that I realized the previous line loses to 25. Rxd6 Qxd6 26. Bxe5. At this point I saw that I am saved by playing 24. ... Re2! instead of 24. ... Bd6? Therefore, when he played his next move, I was pretty excited. I think that white's correct line 23. Bd2 Bxd2 24. Qxd2 e4 25. Nd4 Qe5 should be okay for black.

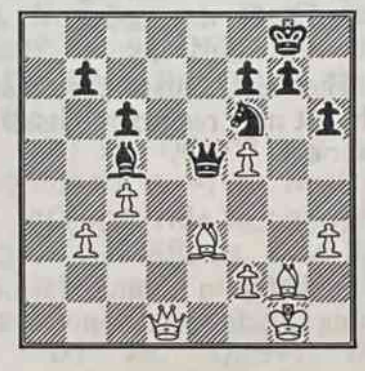
23. Rxe5 Nxh3+ 24. gxh3 Rxe5

About this time it dawns on him that I after 25. Bf4 Re2! is better for black. (If 26. Qc1 Qe7!) But his next move definitely allows black to get a good game. Perhaps 25. Bf4 is better allowing white to exchange the light square bishop for the rook on e2, rather than his dark squared bishop.

25. Nxe5 Qxe5 26. Bg2 Ra5 27. Be3 Ra1

I have about 13 minutes left and he had about 7. I just want to exchange pieces, especially his dark squared bishop. 27. ... Qxf5 would have allowed white to at least draw after 28. Qxf5 Qxf5 29. Rd8+ Kh7 30. Rb8.

28. Rxa1 Qxa1+ 29. Bf1 Qe5 30. Qd1 Bd6 31. Bg2 Bc5



Position after ***31. ... Bc5***

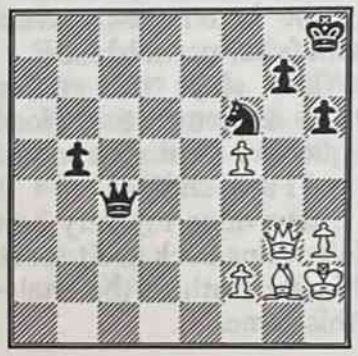
I give up the f7 pawn, but I will exchange bishops and create a passer on the queenside.

32. Qd8+ Kh7 33. Bxc5 Qxc5 34. Qc7 Qb4 35. Qxf7 Qxb3 36. Kh2 b5 37. Qg6+ Kh8 38. cxb5 cxb5 39. Qg3 Qc4

(diagram next column)

40.{White forfeits on time} 0-1

White had played his last seven moves or so with less than two minutes on his clock. He had only written down black moves instead of white moves during this period. He thought that he had not recorded a white move and so he thought that forty moves had really been played. After making his 39th move, Vinay offered a draw and got up from the table. I thought for about four minutes whether to exchange queens (which I learned was a draw in the post-mortem). After Vinay came back to the table with about 35 seconds left, I made my move. He thought until his time elapsed, and then I called a win on time. I think that black is still probably winning, however, given the passed pawn and white's unsafe king, though white would still have put up some resistance.



Position after ***39. ... Qc4*** *(final position)*

I finished even in this tournament filled with several FMs and 2 IM-elects. But I think Alabama chess players should remember that Stuart Rachels not only won this tournament in the late 80s amongst such players as GM Patrick Wolff, but also tied for first in the US Championship (with GMs Seirawan and Dzinzichashvili). Stuart is truly a great player, and I think we are lucky in Alabama to have someone of his caliber.

My Brilliancy Prize Game from the S.C.O. by A.J. Goldsby I

In this game, Black seems to be better after his 20th move. He is ahead in development. And suddenly, without warning, disaster strikes. (In fact, the position just before the sacrifice is rated as being better for Black by several of the stronger, commercially available computer programs.

To his credit, Black defends like Superman. He gets all the material back. White must then play to win based on having the better pawn structure with fewer pawn islands.

White plays the ending perfectly, demonstrating good technique and creating a model Rook and Pawn ending.

I have done my very best to hold nothing back and to seek the ultimate truth in the analysis of this game.

Space City Open
Huntsville, April 2000
White: A J Goldsby I (2200)
Black: Rick Aeria (2035)
Modern Defense
(Brilliancy Prize Winner)

1. e4	**g6**
2. d4	**Bg7**
3. Nc3	**...**

Aiming for control of d5, and part of an overall system for fighting the Modern Defense.

3. ...	**d6**
4. Bc4	**Nf6**
5. f3	**...**

A system I have had a lot of success with. White puts his pieces on very aggressive squares and then begins an all-out assault on the Black King.

5. ...	**c6**
6. Bb3	**a5**
7. Be3	**Na6**

A common deployment of this Knight in the Modern Defense.

8. Qd2	**b5**
9. a4!?	**...**

Preventing the a-Pawn from traveling any further up the board. 9. a3 may have been slightly safer.

9. ...	**b4**
10. Nd1	**...**

The best square for this Knight. It may resuscitate itself on f2 or e3.

10. ...	**Qc7 !?**

Probably a sound idea, planning Q-side expansion.

11. Ne2	**O-O**
12. Bh6	**...**

I teach my students that in fianchettoed positions, that the Bishop at N2 is the best defender of the King. Trading it off weakens Black's King position and the dark-square complex on the King-side.

12. ...	**c5**
13. Bxg7	**Kxg7**
14. Ne3	**...**

To guard the c4 square, and prevent the pawn at c5 from advancing.

14. ...	**cxd4**
15. Nxd4	**Nc5**
16. Nd5	**Nxd5!?**

Black's move seems logical. Several highly rated players told me after the game that Black missed a chance to trade down here. But Black cannot remove the dangerous White Bishop with 16. ... Nxb3. Play could then proceed: 17. Nxc7 Nxd2 18. Nxa8 Nc4 19. b3 Bd7 20. bxc4 Rxa8 21. Kd2 and White has won an exchange.

17. Bxd5	**Bb7**
18. Bxb7	**Qxb7**
19. h4!	**...**

With the idea of h4-h5, prying open the h-file to Black's King.

19. ...	**h5**

Obviously, Black feels he cannot allow White to open the h-file. For example, if 19. ... e6!? 20. h5 Rad8! (20. ... Rh8 21. h6+ Kg8 22. Qf4 ±) 21. hxg6

a) 21. ... hxg6?! 22. Qh6+ Kf8 (definitely not 22. ... Kg8?? 23. Qh8#) 23. Qf4+ →)

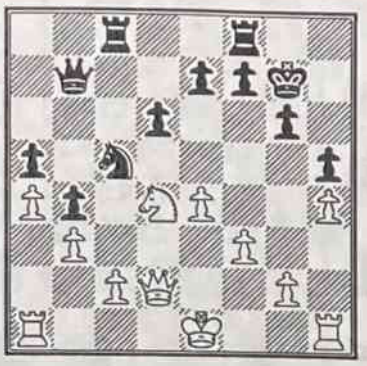
b) 21. fxg6 22. Qg6+ Kg8 23. b3 Rd7 24. O-O-O Rc8 25. Kb2 ∞) Black's pawn structure has been split. But it is not entirely clear that Black is any worse.

20. b3	**...**

Protecting the a-pawn. Now if Black does not take the c-file, White plays O-O-O and then goes all out for Black's King.'

Interesting is 20. Qg5!?

20. ... Rac8



Position after ***20. ... Rac8***

What follows can be called a bolt from the clear blue sky. (They used to say this about some of Mikhail Tal's combinations.)

21. Nf5+ !! ...

A player sitting next to me nearly fell out of his chair when I played this.

As a test, I offered this position to several strong computer programs. I set each program to search 3 nodes, set the hash tables to 25 MB, and then let them crank. At least five of them did not list this move in their top three move choices after exactly seven minutes of analysis. (Seven minutes being the limit set by expert programmers for the average program, running on a Pentium III, to find even the most astounding and amazing moves from known brilliancies.)

This shows that this move cannot be completely calculated, at least not by a human. This means that a player making a move like this will have to lean heavily on his experience, judgment, and intuition.

I did do a great amount of calculation at the board and I was fairly certain that Black could not play ...PxN at any time.

Note by the way the trap 21. O-O-O?? e5 22. Ne2?? Nxb3+ wins White's Queen.

21. ... Kg8!

The alternatives were:

Var. 1: 21. ... Kf6!?; this looks very dangerous and would be easy to reject on general principle. But over the board I was unable to refute it convincingly.

A) 22. Rd1!? Ne6 (22. ... gxf5?? 23. Qg5 Ke6 24. Qxf5#) 23. Ne3 Kg7 24. Rh3!? (24. Nc4!?; or 24. Nd5!?; or 24. g4!?) Qb6 25. Rg3 Qc5 26. Kf1!? ∞ (26. Nf5+)

B) 22. Qd4+!? Ke6 23. Ne3 Kd7 24. e5 →) (24. Nc4!?)

C) 22. Nd4 Kg7 23. Rh3 (23. Nf5+!? Kf6 24. Nd4 Kg7 25. Nf5+, with a draw by repetition) Kh7 24. Rg3 ∞

D) 22. Qg5+; the computer says this is the most accurate move, but I am not at all sure. After 22. ... Kf6, White is probably a little better. I certainly would be at least a little uncomfortable with my King position, if I were playing the Black pieces.

Var. 2: 21. ... gxf5?!; this move is simply too dangerous; 22. Qg5+ Kh7 23. Qxh5+ Kg7 24. Qg5+

A) 24. ... Kh8 25. Qh6+ (25. Rh3!?) Kg8 26. Qg5+ (26. exf5!?; or 26. Rh3!?) Kh8 ∞

B) 24. ... Kh7 25. Qxf5+ Kg7 26. Qg5+

B1) 26. ... Kh7!? 27. Rh3 Nxe4 (27. ... Rg8? 28. Qh5+ Kg7 29. Rg3+ Kf8 30. Qh6+ Ke8 31. Rxg8+, and White is winning easily) 28. Qh5+ Kg7 29. Qg4+ Kh8 30. fxe4 +-

B2) 26. ... Kh8 27. Rh3 Nxe4 (not 27. ... Rg8?? 28. Qh6#; or 27. ... f6?? 28. Qh5+ Kg7 29. Rg3#) 28. Qh5+ Kg7 29. Qg4+ Kh6 30. fxe4 +/- when White may just be winning.

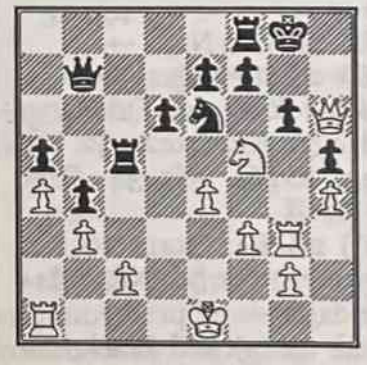
Definitely not 21. Kh7?? 22. Qh6+ Kg8 23. Qg7#.

22. Rh3! Ne6!

Time and time again, my opponent plays some very good defensive moves.

Very bad is: 22. gxf5?? 23. Qg5+ Kh7 (23. Kh8 24. Qh6+ Kg8 25. Rg3#) 24. Qxh5+ Kg7 (24. ... Kg8 25. Rg3#) 25. Rg3+ Kf6 26. Qf5#.

23. Rg3 Rc5!
24. Qh6! ...



Position after ***24. Qh6!***

Beginning what I thought was the final phase of the attack; also interesting was 24. O-O-O!? Rfc8 25. Qh6 Rxc2+ 26. Kb1.

24. ... Rxf5!!

I saw this sacrifice but had completely missed the reason for the follow-up. I honestly

thought this was one of those "last gasp, desperation" types of sacrifice that a player makes just before resignation.

One alternative is: 24. ... Qd7!? 25. O-O-O Rfc8 26. Rd2↑. But not 24. ... Rxc2?! 25. Rxg6!! fxg6 26. Qxg6 Kh8 27. Qh6+ Kg8 28. Qxe6+ Kh7 (28. ... Rf7 29. Nh6+) 29. Qh6+ Kg8 30. Qg7#; this was one of the many lines I analyzed over the board.

25. exf5	**Qd5!**

Now Black regains all his material. I had seen this move also, but NOT all of its consequences. (25. ... Nc5?? 26. fxg6 +-).

26. fxe6	**...**

I thought this to be the only winning try. Very bad is 26. fxg6? Qe5+ 27. Kf2 Qd4+

A) 28. Kf1 Qxa1+ 29. Kf2 Qd4+ 30. Ke1 fxg6 31. Qxg6 Ng7 -+

B) 28. Ke2 Nf4+ -+

C) 28. Qe3 Qxa1 29. Qh6 (29. gxf7+ Kxf7 -+) Qd4+ 30. Kf1 Qd1+ 31. Kf2 Qxc2+ 32. Kg1 fxg6 33. Rxg6+ Kf7 34. Rxe6 Rg8 -+

D) 28. Ke1 Qxa1+ 29. Ke2 Qe5+ 30. Kf1 (or 30. Kf2 Qd4+ 31. Kf1 fxg6 -+ is pretty much the same thing) and Black, not White, wins easily.

Also wrong is 26. Rd1? Qxf5 27. Rd2 Rc8; Black has ample material compensation for the exchange: A pawn and a knight vs. a rook and a great deal of play. Also, White has almost zero co-ordination between his pieces. My instincts told me this was a dead end. The computers verify that my intuition was probably correct.

Finally, I completely rejected 26. Rc1 as being too passive.

26. ...	**Qe5+**
27. Kf2	**Qd4+**
28. Qe3	**...**

This move has got to be forced. 28. Ke2!? Qe5+ 29. Kf2 Qd4 only repeats the position.

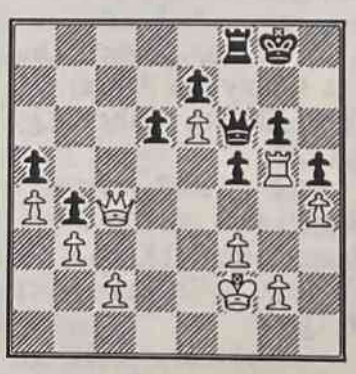
28. ...	**Qxa1**
29. Qe4!	**...**

Threatening fxg+ followed by Qxg6+, winning.

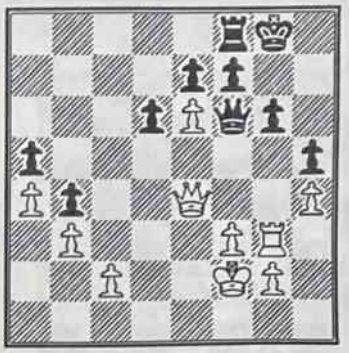
29. ...	**Qf6!?**

Time and time again, Black finds the best defense.

Over the board, I thought I saw a win for White after: 29. ... f5!? 30. Qc4 (30. Rg6+?? Kh7 31. Qf4 Kxg6 32. Qg5+ Kh7 33. Qxh5+ Kg8 34. Qg6 Qg7 -+; or 30. Qd5!? Rf6 31. f4 ∞. But not 30. Qf4? Rf6 31. Qh6 Qd4+ 32. Kf1 Qd1+ 33. Kf2 Qxc2+ 34. Kg1 f4 =/+) Qf6 31. Rg5!? ∞ but I could not find it at home. This position might be +/=, or equal. A fascinating position! Five different strong programs gave five different evaluations of this position!



*Position after **31. Rg5!?** (analysis)*



*Position after **29. ...Qf6 !?** (game)*

Returning to the game position after 29.Qe4!, 29. ... Qb2? is defnintely a mistake: 30. exf7+ Rxf7 31. Qxg6+ Rg7 (31. ... Qg7?? 32. Qxh5+ +-) 32. Qe8+ Kh7 33. Qxh5+ Kg8 34. Qe8+ Kh7 35. Rxg7+ Qxg7 36. Qh5+ Kg8 37. Qg5+-. White wins the K & P ending without much trouble.

30. exf7+	**Kxf7**
31. Rg5!	**e5**

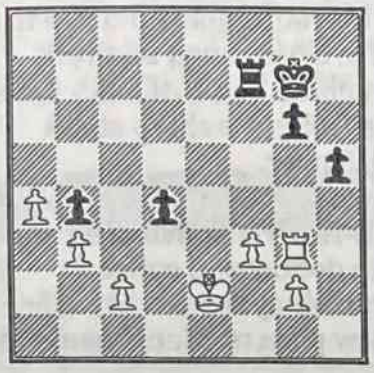
I was threatening to take Black's a-pawn. Not 31. ... Qe6? 32. Qxe6+ Kxe6 33. Ke2! and White will win a pawn.

Now comes a sequence which must be calculated very accurately. Common sense would say with a Queen and a Rook on the board for each side, that one misstep could be fatal.

32. Qd5+!	**Kg7**
33. Qxa5	**Qf4**
34. Qc7+	**Rf7**
35. Qxd6	**Qxh4+**
36. Rg3	**Q d 4 +**

Pretty much forced. White's queen was threatening b4, e5 and g6 all at the same time. Not 36. ... Qf6?! 37. Qxb4. Another bad line is 36. ... Rf6? 37. Qe7+ Kh6 38. Qxe5.

37. Qxd4 exd4
38. Ke2! ...



*Position after **38. Ke2!***

The only move. I have to guard c2. (38. Rg5?! Rc7 39. Rb5 is only +/=).

38. ... Rc7
39. Kd2 Kf6

Keeping the king active seems like the best bet. Interesting is 39. ... Rc3!? but White comes out on top after 40. Rh3! (40. a5? d3 41. cxd3 Rxb3 is less clear) d3 41. f4 dxc2 42. Rxc3 bxc3+ 43. Kxc2 and White should win the K & P ending relatively easily.

40. f4! ...

The most accurate. This move is a violation of principle, as White exchanges pawns and breaks up his own pawn formation. But in the process, he activates his rook!

Not as good is 40. Rh3!? Rc3 41. Rh1 d3 42. cxd3 Rxb3 43. Rh4 +/-. White should be better, but it is not 100% clear that he is winning.

40. ... Kf5
41. Rg5+ ...

Keeping the rook active. Horrible is 41. Rf3? making the rook a bored bystander.

41. ... Kxf4
42. Rxg6 +/- h4!

Stubborn defense.

43. Rg8! ...

White puts Black in Zugzwang.

A line I calculated over the board was: 43. Rb6? Ke4 44. Rxb4 Rg7 45. a5 Rxg2+ 46. Kc1 h3 -/+.

43. ... Rc5
44. Rd8! Ke4

Black puts a lot of resistance into this ending, even offering me a draw around here. (44. ... Ke5 45. Rh8 Rc3 46. Rh5+ Ke6 47. Rxh4 +-)

45. Rh8! ...

The most accurate. Not 45. Rb8 Rg5 46. Rxb4?? (46. Re8+!?) Rxg2+ 47. Kc1 h3 48. Rb8 h2 49. Rh8 Rg1+ 50. Kb2 h1Q 51. Rxh1 Rxh1+ and Black should win.

45. ... Rg5
46. Rxh4+ Kd5

White's rook is forced into total passivity.

47. Rh2 Ke4

Black continues to defend this ending very staunchly.

48. a5! ...

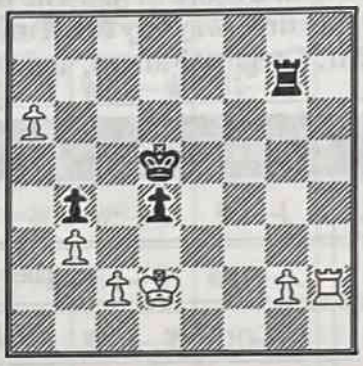
A nice decoy sacrifice.

48. ... Kd5

Black gets his king closer to the a-pawn. Defnintely NOT 48. ... Rxa5 ?? 49. Rh4+ Kf5 50. Rh5+, +- (the "X-ray" attack.)

49. a6 Rg7

Black is almost in Zugzwang. (49. ... Rg6 50. a7 Ra6 51. Kd3! Rxa7 52. Rh5+ Ke6 53. Kxd4 +-)



*Position after **49. ... Rg7***

50. Rh5+ Ke4
51. Rh4+ Kd5
52. g4 ...

A very important advance, giving White some much needed space.

52. ... Ke5

Black slowly runs out of good moves. Black is being forced back by Zugzwang. If 52. ... Kc6, then 53. Kd3 +-.

53. Kd3 Rd7
54. g5! Kf5
55. Rxd4 Ra7
56. Rd5+ resigns

I will play 57. Ra5, and then march my king up and win Black's b-pawn

A game both players can be proud of.

Space City Open 2000 by David Hayes

The Huntsville Chess Club hosted its first major event of the millenium; its annual Space City Open tournament. The large prize fund attracted stiff competition from several states in both the Open and Reserve sections.

Mr. Stephen Muhammad and Mr. Todd Andrews tied for first in the Open section with a score of 4.5 out of 5 possible. Mr. Walter Jordan was top Expert with a score of 3.5. The under 2000 prize was split three ways by Mr. Tim Bond, our local men Mr. Gregory Funaro, and Mr. Mike Begala with 2 points each. Mike put in a fantastic performance considering his rating going into the first round was only 1423. He bested 1934 and 1918 rated players with alert chess. The Brilliancy Prize software award went to Goldsby's sharp attack against a resourceful defender.

The Eguchi family received much deserved praise for providing free donuts and coffee throughout the weekend. Many thanks. My wife Chris helped register new players. Many thanks to her also.

OPEN SECTION - Space City Open 2000, Huntsville AL

#	Player	rating	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1	Stephen Muhammad	2419	B10—W	W4—W	B3—D	W6—W	B8—W	4.5
2	Arash Samani	2317*	W11—W	B6—L	W10—L	W5—D	B9—D	2.0
3	Todd Andrews	2312	B12—W	W8—W	W1—D	B4—W	B6—W	4.5
4	A. J. Goldsby	2218	W13—1	B1—L	W11—W	W3—L	B18—W	3.0
5	Charles Meidinger	2213	B14—D	B9—D	W12—D	B2—D	W11—L	2.0
6	Bill Melvin	2211	W15—W	W2—W	B9—W	B1—L	W3—L	3.0
7	Matt Puckett	2166	B16—D	W14—D	B18—W	WD	WD	2.0
8	Gerald Larson	2094	W17—W	B3—L	W14—W	B10—D	W1—L	2.5
9	Martin Nilsson	2073	B18—W	W5—D	W6—L	B12—L	W2—D	2.0
10	Walter Jordan	2047	W1—L	B15—W	B2—W	W8—D	B12—W	3.5
11	Rick Aeria	2038	B2—L	W16—W	B4—L	W17—W	B5—W	3.0
12	Mark Liatti	2008	W3—L	B17—W	B5—D	W9—W	W10—L	2.5
13	Jeff Pennig	1934	B4—L	W18—L	B8—W	WD	WD	1.0
14	Tim Bond	1918	W5—D	B7—D	B8—L	W18—L	B16—W	2.0
15	Bijann Khaleghi	1916	B6—L	W10—L	B17—L	forfeit	WD	0.0
16	Giles D'Souza	1818	W7—D	B11—L	W13—L	forf. win	W14—L	1.5
17	Gregory Funaro	1760	B8—L	W12—L	W15—W	B11—L	bye	2.0
18	Mike Begala	1423	W9—L	B13—W	W7—L	B14—W	W4—L	2.0

* Mr. Samani's rating was his last Canadian Chess Association rating.

The top seed Dr. Rhodes Peele dominated the Reserve section with a score of 4.5. Second place and top C class was split two ways by Mr. Lee Miller and Mr. Steve Nowlin with 4 points each. Mr. James Brown took the top D class prize with 3 solid wins. The E and under class prize went to our local unrated and young Taito Eguchi.

I, David Hayes, directed the tournament using Swiss Perfect software. The software paired and created reports for most of the tournament. However, a second round pairing error caused some delay in the start of the Open section for that round. I thank Mr. Gerald Wheeler (HCC's President) for his outstanding organization and help. He sacrificed the most for the least reward.

RESERVE SECTION - Space City Open 2000, Huntsville AL

#	Player	rating	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1	Rhodes Peele	1790	W12—W	B8—W	W10—W	B7—W	W2—D	4.5
2	William R. Savoie	1757	B13—L	W17—W	B11—W	W14—W	B1—D	3.5
3	Roger K. McIntyre	1696	W14—1	B9—D	W4—L	B12—L	W21—W	2.5
4	Chris Lasky	1670	B15—W	W11—D	B3—W	W5—L	B9—L	2.5
5	Wayne Hedger	1589	W16—W	B10—L	W13—W	B4—W	W12—L	3.0
6	Chuck Bankston	1549	B17—L	W18—W	B14—L	W20—W	B10—W	3.0
7	Steve Nowlin	1539	W19—W	B13—W	W9—W	W1—L	B15—W	4.0
8	Robert B. Adams	1535	B19—W	W1—L	B15—L	W17—W	B14—L	2.0
9	Jafar Daskar	1511	W20—W	W3—D	B7—L	B16-FW	W4—W	3.5
10	Charles Ashmore	1502	B21—W	W5—W	B1—L	W15—L	W6—L	2.0
11	Gerald A. Wheeler	1500	W22—W	B4—D	W2—L	WD	WD	2.0
12	Lee Miller	1484	B1—L	W19—W	B17—W	W3—W	B5—W	4.0
13	Alon Yair	1444	W2—W	W7—L	B5—L	B21—D	WD	1.5
14	Mohamed Abdel-Ghany	1400	B3—L	W20—W	W6—W	B2—L	W8—W	3.0
15	James F. Brown	1342	W4—L	B22—W	W8—W	B10—W	W7—L	3.0
16	Josh Jones	1277	B5—L	W21—W	B18—D	W9—FL	WD	1.5
17	Robert Rieves	1212	W6—W	B2—L	W12—L	B8—L	WD	1.0
18	Miles Melvin	1054	B7—L	B6—L	W16—D	W19—W	B20—L	1.5
19	Timothy M.Hoppe	1043	W8—L	B12—L	W21—L	B18—L	B22—W	1.0
20	Taito Euguchi	UNR	B9—L	B14—L	W22—W	B6—L	W18—W	2.0
21	William A. Esslinger	UNR	W10—L	B16—L	B19—W	W13—D	B3—L	1.5
22	Andrew Giddens	UNR	B11—L	W15—L	B20—L	BYE	W19—L	1.0

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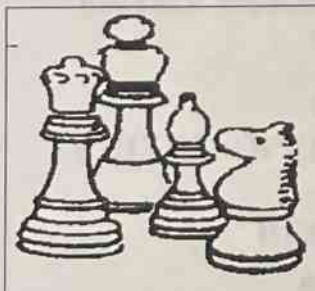

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Event	Date and place	Contact person; Display ad
2000 Alabama State Chess Championship	September 2—4, Birmingham, Sheraton Perimeter Park South Hotel	Richard Ellis,
Labor Day Scholastic	September 4, Birmingham	Dale Robbins
Huntsville High Chess Classic	Huntsville, September 16, Huntsville High School	Jerry Wheeler,
3rd Sunday Rated Chess (G/30)	September 17, Tuscaloosa, Ferguson Center, UA Campus	Donald Yessick
Alabama Junior Team Scholastic	Birmingham, September 30	Kenneth Sloan
First Sunday Quads	Birmingham, October 1	Kenneth Sloan
3rd Sunday Rated Chess (G/30)	October 15, Tuscaloosa, Ferguson Center, UA Campus	Donald Yessick
Oktober Chess Scholastic	Huntsville, October 21	Jerry Wheeler,
First Sunday Quads	Birmingham, November 5	Kenneth Sloan
3rd Sunday Rated Chess (G/30)	November 19, Tuscaloosa, Ferguson Center, UA Campus	Donald Yessick

3rd Sunday Rated Chess (G/30)

When: 3rd Sunday of (mostly) every month.
Where: Ferguson Center at the University of Alabama.
What: G/30—rated chess. (Quads or 3-Round Accelerated Swiss)
Entry fee: $2.00; USCF membership required; available on site.
Register: 1:30—2:00.
Dates: September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17
Directions: (from Birmingham) From I59 southbound, take McFarland Boulevard Exit; turn right; continue to Jack Warner Parkway (formerly River Road); turn right onto JWP (will cross over McFarland); enter University of Alabama on McCorvey Drive; take left at stop sign. Ferguson Center is the building on your right.
Latest info: Web: **E-mail:**
Sponsor: University of Alabama Chess Club

Huntsville High Chess Classic

ALABAMA SCHOLASTIC TOURNAMENT

Saturday, September 16, 2000

Huntsville High School, Huntsville, AL 35803

Format: Five round Swiss: Two sections: Secondary (K-12) and Elementary (K-6). Tournament conducted per United States Chess Federation Rules. This tournament is not USCF rated.

Time control: Game in 30 minutes.

Registration: Advance registration encouraged. NoLimited to 200 entrants.
No advanced registration after 6:00 PM, September 14, 2000.
Send entry form and check (make out to "Huntsville Chess Club") to:
Huntsville Chess Club
[redacted]

Schedule: ..... 8:00-8:45: Player check in ..... 10:30: Round 2 .....3:30: Round 5
8:45: .....Player briefing 12:30: .....Round 3 4:30: .....Tie Breaker(s)
9:00: Round 1 2:00: Round 4 5:00: Awards ceremony

Entry fee: $50, payable to the Huntsville Chess Club.

Prizes: Guaranteed First through Fifth Place Prizes (Wooden Table, Boards, Sets), Each Section:

1st: Chess Table and Set

2nd: Grandmaster Board and Set

3rd: Tournament Board and Set

4th & 5th: Champion Board and Set

Each Player below 5th: beautiful handmade wooden chess boards (limited to 190 boards)

Directions: From I-65, take the I-565 East/AL-20 exit, Exit 340 toward Huntsville. Take Exit 15 and continue on Bob Wallace Avenue crossing under Memorial Parkway then turning left onto Gallatin. Continue on Gallatin to four way stop. Turn left on Marsheutz Avenue. Huntsville High will be on the left. Park in the lots adjacent to the building.

Information: Jerry Wheeler, [redacted]

Huntsville High Classic Entry Form Send this form with your check to the Huntsville Chess Club (address listed above).

Name:_____ Birth date:_____ School:_____ Grade:_____

Home address:_____ City:_____ ZIP:_____ E-mail:_____

Section (Check one): ☐ Secondary (K-12) ☐ Elementary (K-6)

Entry check (payable to the Huntsville Chess Club):.....$_____

Druid Knights Open - Tuscaloosa, June 10-11, 2000

Open Section

#	Player	Rtg	1	2	3	4	5	Σ
1	Bill Melvin	2209	6w	4w	5w	7d	8w	4.5
2	Rick Aeria	2047	7d	10d	9d	5w	4d	3.0
3	Kirk Petty	1900	10d	7l	bye	4l	6l	1.0
4	Jeff McAleer	1884	11w	1l	7l	3w	2d	2.5
5	Tim Bond	1873	8w	12w	1l	2l	bye	2.5
6	Giles D'Souza	1863	1l	9l	10d	11w	3w	2.5
7	Uwe Frischmuth	1822	2d	3w	4w	1d	9w	4.0
8	Rhodes Peele	1762	5l	11w	12w	10w	1l	3.0
9	Walter Schaetzle	1722	12l	6w	2d	bye	7l	2.0
10	Patrick Alford	1611	3d	2d	6d	8l	11w	2.5
11	Don Maples	889/8	4l	8l	bye	6l	10l	0.5
12	Harris Reynolds	UNR	9w	5l	8l	bye	WD	1.5

Director (both sections): Don Yessick

Reserve Section

#	Player	Rtg	1	2	3	4	5	Σ
1	James Bowen	1590	7w	5w	13d	4w	2d	4.0
2	Steve Nowlin	1507	9l	7w	6w	5w	1d	3.5
3	Richard Ellis	1400	10w	13l	bye	9l	11l	1.5
4	Moh'd Abdel-Ghany	1400	11d	9w	8w	1l	5w	3.5
5	John O'Connor	1400	12w	1l	10w	2l	4l	2.0
6	Tim Nunnally	1381	13l	12w	2l	8d	10w	2.5
7	Robert Rieves	1215	1l	2l	bye	12w	8d	2.0
8	Stuart Rice	1212	bye	11w	4l	6d	7d	2.5
9	Miles Melvin	1132	2w	4l	BYE	3w	13l	3.0
10	Gary Sanders	1071/15	3l	BYE	5l	11l	6l	1.0
11	Robert Bogart	UNR	4d	8l	12w	10w	3w	3.5
12	William Yeager	UNR	5l	6l	11l	7l	BYE	1.0
13	Todd Reynolds	UNR	6w	3w	1d	bye	9w	4.0

Kelly Hill Open and Scholastic - Fort Benning, GA - July 29, 2000

Open Section

#	Player	Rtg	1	2	3	Σ
1	Thomas Lawry	1796	6w	2w	3w	3.0
2	Raymond Quillian	1848	4w	1l	5FW	2.0
3	James Bowen	1590	bye	5w	1l	1.5
4	David Clark	1459	2l	6d	8w	1.5
5	Dale Bauer	1519	8w	3l	2FL	1.0
6	Lamar Causey	1455	1l	4d	bye	1.0
7	Riley Lane (director)	1159	U	8d	U	0.5
8	Dominador Rubang	UNR	5l	7d	4l	0.5

Scholastic Section

#	Player	Rtg	1	2	3	Σ
1	Wayne Sparks	UNR	3w	6w	2w	3.0
2	Tiffany Nettles	976	8w	4w	1l	2.0
3	Phillip Causey	828	1l	8w	5w	2.0
4	Keith Belcher	1137	5d	2l	6w	1.5
5	Chris Lebrun	672	4d	7w	3l	1.5
6	William Davis	UNR	7w	1l	4l	1.0
7	Alan Carver	914	6l	5l	8d	0.5
8	Kayla Nettles	586	2l	3l	7d	0.5

Heart of Dixie Tour Standings *by Jack Mallory*

Contributions

Alabama Chess Federation	$100.00
Birmingham Quads	8.00
C. l. Donation	24.80
Montgomery Tornado	4.50
Montgomery Y2K G/29 Blast	7.50
Magic City Open	20.00
Space City Open	16.00
Alabama G/29 Championship	3.00
Vulcan Open	8.50
Total	**$192.30**

Master/Expert

R. Aeria	2038	32.5
R. Frye	2091	8.0
A. J. Goldsby	2218	8.0
J. Jurjevich	2074	11.0
G. Larson	2094	7.5
M. Liatti	2008	7.5
C. Meidinger	2213	7.0
B. Melvin	2211	15.5
M. Puckett	2116	16.0
A. Reeder	2121	18.0
A. Samani	2317	7.0
B. Sides		14.0

Class A

T. Bond	1918	44.5
R. Downs	1958	8.5
G. D'Souza	1818	30.0
U. Frischmuth	1845	6.5
B. Khaleghi	1916	5.0
C. Lawrence	1867	29.5
T. Lawry	1815	5.0
J. Morcos	1866	14.5
K. Petty	1926	8.0
R. Pruitt	1938	8.5
J. Roland	1900	7.5
S. Varagona	1867	15.0

Class B

G. Funaro	1760	7.0
O. Hudson	1672	7.0
S. Israel	1683	5.5
C. Lasky	1607	7.5
R. McIntyre	1696	7.5
R. Peele	1793	27.0
W. Savoie	1757	8.5
W. Schaetzle	1700	6.5
J. Scheuermann	1700	8.5
M. Stribling	1661	7.0

Class C

R. Adams	1535	7.0
C. Ashmore	1502	7.0
C. Bankston	1549	8.0
R. Bashinsky	1552	8.0
M. Begala	1432	13.0
J. Bowen	1590	8.5
B. Clyne	1515	9.0
J. Daskar	1511	8.5
R. Ellis	1400	21.0
W. Higginbotham	1593	9.5
R. Knowles	1491	6.0
S. Nowlin	1539	9.0
J. Richardson	1574	8.5
G. Wheeler	1500	14.5
A. Yair	1444	6.5

Class D

M. Abdel'Ghany	1212	23.5
S. Ashmore	1283	7.0
J. Brown	1342	8.0
J. Burgans	1394	9.5
N. Hutchinson	1282	7.5
R. Lane	1235	7.0
R. Ljubas	1253	7.5
M. Matson	1213	7.0
R. Rieves	1212	20.5
J. Screws	1214	8.5
K. Vallier	1300	10.0
G. Wilder	1216	14.0
B. Young	1267	7.5

Class E and Unrated

O. Aktunc	UNR	15.0
G. Bemke	1049	8.0
L. Chenault	992	6.0
T. Eguchi	UNR	7.0
W. Esslinger	UNR	6.5
D. Fernetti	UNR	5.0
A. Giddens	UNR	6.0
T. Hoppe	1043	6.0
J. Knowles	688	5.5
R. MacMahon	595	7.5
M. Mason	UNR	7.0
M.Mellemburg		6.0
M. Melvin	1054	14.5
D. T. Merck	805	6.0
J. Moore	1073	5.0
A. Davis Morris	UNR	7.0
F. Pearce	881	5.0
Z. Schultz	756	7.0
A. Tanju	1104	6.5
M. N. Tanju		7.0
E. Weinstein	673	6.0

Antics Contributors Across the Board *by Rhodes Peele*

I have enjoyed being your Editor of *Alabama Chess Antics* during the past four years. Perhaps the main reason for this is that the membership has been generous in supporting the newsletter with contributions. The most obvious kind of contribution is the submitted article, but folks have helped in other significant ways. A half dozen or so computer experts helped with technical support, others contributed with typesetting and proofreading, still others by having one of their wins annotated or by being the subject of a chess biography. The list of names below is partial if only because whenever someone plays in an ACF sponsored chess tournament, that person is supporting ACF and making *Antics* a more viable publication (not just financially). It would have been easy to extend the board another rank or two (I stopped as soon as I had thought of 64 names), but I think I have acknowledged most if not all of the major contributors.

I plan to remain active in Alabama chess, but I won't be running for reelection due to professional obligations and opportunities, and the desire to use my limited chess time in other ways. Fortunately we have a good candidate for the next Editor in Jeff Lake, and if he does run I will vote for him and help with the transition in any way requested.

Rick Aeria	Constantine Ananiadis	Bo Bashinsky	Richi Bellezza	Tim Bond	Lamar Causey	Don Chambless	Warner Chandler
Ernie Cockrell	Lamar Daniel	Ray Downs	Bobby Edwards	Richard Ellis	Nick Elmes	Tom Elmes	Rick Frye
Nick Elmes	Tom Elmes	Richard Frye	Camille Gaston	Shafer Gaston	A.J. Goldsby	Albert Gower	David Hayes
Eddie Kemp	Zack Kinney	John Kirk	Katlin Kirk	Jeff Lake	Rily Lane	Caesar Lawrence	David Leech
Daniel Lucas	Jack Mallory	Bill Melvin	Miles Melvin	John Morcos	Stephen Muhammad	Kirk Petty	Milan Momic
John Perciballi	James Rachels	Stuart Rachels	Andy Reeder	Barbara Reeder	Dick Rhea	James Richardson	Bob Rieves
Dale Robbins	Vasha Rosenblum	Michael Schaetzle	Walter Schaetzle	Robert Scrivener	Sheri Shofner	Kenneth Sloan	Pante Stanica
Kyle Therrell	Mercon Weeks	Andrew Whatley	Sam Whatley	Jerry Wheeler	Greg Wilder	Donald Yessick	Tom Young

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